

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A patch panel module, comprising:
 - a) a housing having a generally L-shaped construction, the housing including a face plate having a front opening; and
 - b) a module card attached to the housing by a snap-fit connection, the module card including a front connector positioned adjacent to the front opening, and a rear connector located at an end of the module card opposite the front connector.
2. The module of claim 1, further including a securing arrangement for securing the module to a patch panel chassis, the securing arrangement including at least a first flexible tab.
3. The module of claim 1, wherein the L-shaped construction is defined by the face plate and a housing side, the face plate being oriented generally perpendicular to the module card and the housing side being oriented generally parallel to the module card.
4. The module of claim 3, wherein the housing further includes a handle extending outward from the housing side.
5. The module of claim 3, further including an aperture formed between the face plate and the housing side for viewing an LED positioned on the module card.
6. The module of claim 2, wherein the securing arrangement for securing the module to a patch panel chassis further includes a second flexible tab.
7. The module of claim 3, wherein the snap-fit connection includes at least one latch formed on the housing side of the L-shaped construction, the latch being arranged to engage a hole formed in the module card.

8. A patch panel module, comprising:
- a) a housing including a face plate and a housing side, the face plate and housing side being oriented generally perpendicular to one another, the face plate including at least one front opening;
 - b) a module card having a front connector and a rear connector, the front connector being positioned adjacent to the front opening of the housing, the module card being secured to the housing by a retaining structure, the retaining structure including:
 - i) a flexible latch formed on the housing side; and
 - ii) a hole formed in the module card;
 - iii) wherein the flexible latch engages the hole of the module card to provide a snap-fit connection between the housing and the module card.
9. The module of claim 8, further including a securing arrangement for securing the module to a patch panel chassis, the securing arrangement including at least a first flexible tab extending from the housing.
10. The module of claim 8, wherein the housing further includes a handle extending outward from the housing side.
11. The module of claim 8, further including an aperture formed between the face plate and the housing side for viewing an LED positioned on the module card.
12. The module of claim 9, wherein the securing arrangement for securing the module to a patch panel chassis further includes a second flexible tab extending from the housing.
13. A method of assembling a patch panel module, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a housing having a generally L-shaped construction and a module card, the housing including a face plate with a front opening, the module card including a front connector and a rear connector;
- b) orienting the module card in relation to the housing such that a latch formed on the housing is positioned adjacent to a hole formed in the card; and
- c) pressing the module card and housing toward one another to interconnect the latch of the housing with the hole of the card.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of orienting the module card includes positioning the front connector of the module card adjacent to the front opening of the housing.